Secret Service Seizes Ring of Counterfeiters

$600,000 in Illegal Notes Is Found in City; Farmer Causes Arrests.

CHICAGO. — Harry Anheier, secret service chief in this city, announced the destruction of a $600,000 counterfeiting ring which had flooded the Midwest with bogus $10 and $20 bills.

Five men were arrested in raids throughout the city and agents seized $415,000 in counterfeit bills, a number of engraved plates both used and unused, and stocks of printing ink and paper. It is expected that at least an additional $100,000 in false money will be uncovered after the prisoners have been questioned further, Anheier said.

Largest Since 1934.

The secret service chief described the counterfeiting ring as the largest since 1934 when "Count" Victor Lustig and his gang flooded the nation with nearly 2½ million dollars in bogus notes. Lustig received a 20 year prison sentence.

The men arrested are: John Gilbert Brennan, 47, of Des Plaines, a lithographer who made the plates; Minas Constantine Aretos, 43, restaurant owner; Peter Klikas, 47; Vito d'Agostino, 32, and Joseph Moschiano, 38.

In a garage in the rear of Moschiano's home agents found $300,099 in counterfeit $10 bills stuffed in three suitcases and an additional $50,000 crammed into a wooden box.

An additional $30,000 was found in Aretos' home and a like amount in Klikas' home. The other prisoners were carrying the rest of the false money recovered.

Plead Not Guilty.

Moschiano pleaded not guilty when arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Edwin K. Walker. He was taken to the county jail when he failed to make a $25,000 bond. Later the other four men pleaded not guilty also and bonds were fixed at amounts ranging from $7,500 for Brennan to $1,000 for Klikas.

The gang was smashed, Anheier said, through the aid of an alert farmer near Des Plaines who gave the secret service the tip which finally led to the arrest of the five.

On that day George Kanakes, 32, one of 16 persons previously arrested for passing the bogus money, purchased a turkey from the farmer and paid for it with a counterfeit $20 bill. The farmer's suspicions were aroused when Kanakes did not alight from his car to watch the turkey being weighed. He took down Kanakes' license number and later when he found the bill to be false turned it over to authorities.

Anheier said that about $400,000 in false $10 bills were printed at one establishment.

Bogus Check Ring on Wide Scale Is Broken by Clerk

CHICAGO.—Two women and two men were seized as police cracked what they described as a "bogus check ring on an elaborate national scale."

Lt. Thomas Murphy said the gang has netted more than $1,200 in the Chicago area and "thousands of dollars in other cities."

An alert clerk at a currency exchange, caused the first arrests. He noticed that a $200 check offered by two women bore the identification number of a Chicago bank, although drawn on a bank in Atlanta.

The clerk locked the doors of the exchange and called police.

The women were Gloria Skyles, 20, and Ernestine Mitchell, 20.

Information given by them led to the arrest of Eugene Lytle, 30, an ex-convict and admitted ringleader, and Albert Gooden, 29.

Brothers Who Married Sisters Become Fathers on Same Day

CLAYTON, N. M. — Brothers Arthur and Kenneth Beckner, 27 and 29, who wed sisters, continued their parallel in lives by becoming fathers in Los Angeles three hours apart.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beckner, their parents, said a single announcement told of arrival in the same hospital of a son for Arthur and a daughter for Kenneth. The same doctor attended and it was the first child for each.

After marrying Robena and Virginia Perkins about nine years ago, the brothers bought the Los Angeles home where they have lived for five years. Both served in the army and on discharge got identical jobs in the same factory.

Australian Banks Are Buying Bills Bearing Love Notes

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. — The Daily Mirror said banks are buying more and more dollar bills bearing loving messages from U. S. servicemen.

"The girls who have been sentimentally treasuring the bills are cashing in at six shillings tuppence Australian for each of their love notes," it said.

"However, some of the more wide awake are shying clear of the banks and selling on the black market for almost twice that amount, washing up a wartime romance with a nice profit."

Columbia River Power Unit Shows Increase in Revenue

Operating revenues from the Columbia river power system, consisting of the Bonneville power administration and power components of the Bonneville dam project and the Columbia basin project (Grand Coulee dam) during fiscal 1947 totaled $31,890,929. This was 32.7 7,644 more than fiscal 1946 revenues.

Total revenues since the beginning of power sales in 1939 reached $105,352,456 by the end of fiscal 1947. The surplus, after deduction of all charges for operation, maintenance, depreciation and interest amounted to $22,932,144, of which $6,696,197 accrued during fiscal 1947.

Except for a $560,000 continuing fund which the administrator may use to defray emergency expenses and to insure continuous operation, all receipts from operating revenues were returned to the U. S. treasury. With exception of this fund, the administration is not permitted to use its revenues for operations, maintenance or construction and must depend upon annual appropriations from congress for money for these purposes.

Fiscal 1947 revenues were somewhat higher than had been anticipated a year ago. The higher return was accounted for by increases in power use by the aluminum industry and by sales to publicly and privately owned utilities, which more than offset reductions in revenue from shipyard and military establishments. The latter had been operating on a curtailed basis during the previous year, but were, by the end of fiscal 1947, for the most part, closed down.

Ginger, Spice of Antiquity, Still Leads in Popularity

Chinese ginger, from which the first gingerbread men were made centuries ago, again is coming to the United States from Hong Kong.

Ginger is one of the "big five" that normally make up nine-tenths of the trade volume of the 25 common spices, says National Geographic society. Its use dates back to early Greek and Roman times.

Made into shapes of men, animals or letters of the alphabet, gingerbread was delighting the children of England at Christmas time as early as the 15th century. Often the figures were gilded.

Henry VII of England included ginger in a recipe sent the Lord Mayor of London as a remedy against the plagues then ravaging the city.

Ginger was imported into France and Germany perhaps as early as the ninth century. English tavern keepers kept perforated containers of it so that customers could sprinkle ginger on their ale and porter.

In the United States, the spice has been particularly popular in New England where, among other uses, ginger sauce sometimes is served on ice cream.

The ginger of commerce comes from the underground rootlike stem of the plant which grows to a height of two or three feet in the rich, well-watered soil of tropical countries. It yields 700 to 1,500 pounds of the dried spice to the acre in one year.

Sorting Out Feathers

Chicken feathers not only are being used for stuffing pillows, but also are being spun into newly developed feather fibers. A method has been devised for sorting chicken feathers so that they may be graded for different uses. Working on the theory that the fluffier a feather, the higher it will rise in a current of air, the feathers are chopped and placed in a vertical tower up which they are blown. The feathers are collected at different heights, being separated into grades by the weight of their quills and the amount of fluff. The controlling of the moisture and the upward speed of the blast of air makes it possible to separate a mixed lot of feathers into six grades. The graded feathers can be blended to any exact need by mixing the various grades.

New Enriched Margarine

A cheaper and more dependable method of enriching margarine with vitamin A was reported to American Chemical society. Until now, deterioration of vitamin A in margarine during storage has been so rapid that manufacturers have had to add a 20 per cent surplus of the vitamin to offset unavoidable losses. Margarine fortified by the new method will retain its vitamin A content much longer, so that manufacturers will be able to reduce substantially the initial amount of the vitamin overdose. Vitamin A retention was studied by colorimetric and biological assay methods in a series of tests and similar results were observed.

An Empty Tomb

Washington, D. C., has not only its "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," but also its "Empty Tomb." The original design for the capitol provided for a tomb for the first president in the sub-casement where he and his wife were to lie in a marble sarcophagi. A member of the Washington family objected to removing Washington's body from Mount Vernon, and the Virginia general assembly also protested. So the tomb remains empty, the space being used to store the catafalque on which noted men lie in state in the rotunda of the capitol. Lincoln was the first so honored.

Farm Topics

Use of Weed Killer Boosts Corn Yield

2,4-D Spray Increases Output by 18 Bushels

First large-scale experiment using butyl ester of 2,4-D for control of weeds in corn fields has definitely proven the chemical to be unharmful to corn and has resulted in increased yields up to 18 bushels per acre, a check on a number of Henderson, Ky., farms indicate.

Applied to some 18,000 acres at a cost of less than $10,000, 2,4-D was

John Pfingsten, Henderson, Ky., farmer, is pictured with piles of corn harvested from treated and untreated plots. The corn in the left pile was gathered from the treated field and had an average ear weight 23 per cent greater than that of the untreated corn shown at right.

given credit for saving the last corn crop in that section.

Fields treated with 2,4-D and later cultivated yielded 86.8 bushels of corn per acre as against a yield of 68.68 bushels per acre for a comparable field which had only been cultivated.

The fields checked had been sprayed with butyl ester of 2,4-D applied by a low-gallonage method requiring less than a pint of the weed-killer to five gallons of water per acre.

The increased yield in fields sprayed was attributed to the greatly lowered weed population. Similar beneficial results can be achieved by hand-hoeing for weed control but the high cost of hand-hoeing makes this method impractical in most cases.

Pull-Push Cart

Discarded wheels and an axle from a child's coaster wagon were used for this pull-push cart. The frame is made from ¾-inch pipe and is welded to the axle. It is handy for moving loads of small tools or equipment as the cart is strong, light in weight and easy to pull or push.

Value of Moist Mash For Poultry Questioned

It is not necessary to feed a moist mash in order to maintain high egg production, says Washington State college. Feeding moist mash involves extra labor and presents the danger of the growth of harmful mold and bacteria, especially during hot weather.

Hog Self-Feeder

This New Jersey self-feeder for market pigs also may be used for brood sows that are suckling litters. Several different feeds may be supplied in separate compartments, and the pigs choose the proportions and amounts of each. One of the chief advantages of the self-feeder is the saving in labor effected, providing the feeder is large enough to hold several day's supply of feed.

Lime Sulphur Protects Trees Against Rabbits

Undiluted lime sulphur concentrate was the best among 16 repellents tested at the Oklahoma station for protecting young fruit trees from cottontail rabbits. Rabbits were penned with no food except water sprouts of apple. They damaged 94 per cent of the untreated sprouts in five days, as compared to 41 per cent of the sprouts painted with lime sulpher. Only 1 per cent of the sprouts were damaged the first day.

Squirt of Tear Gas in Face Answer to Driver's Protest

CHICAGO.—John McNeal, 22, a taxicab driver, got out of his car at an intersection and walked to the car which had blocked his travel.

He opened the car door and asked the motorist:

"Why did you cut me off?"

The motorist discharged a fountain pen type tear gas gun in McNeal's face. The taximan was blinded as tears filled his eyes. When he regained his sight the automobile was gone. McNeal received treatment at a hospital.

Chinese Fishing Boat Sinks; 19 Soldiers Are Drowned

TSINGTAO, CHINA. — An overloaded fishing vessel sank 10 miles off Tsingtao and 19 soldiers and the owner were drowned.

The army agreed to load not more than six tons of munitions on the commandeered 17-ton vessel. After the loading, however, more than 40 soldiers jumped aboard with their equipment and forced the master to sail.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Do You Have Noisy Neighbors?

A lot of the neighbors were suddenly annoyed by Jeb Crowell's hammering at night. Jeb was building himself a new **front porch—and** the only time that **he could give to** it was **after sundown.**

Finally we decided the best thing to do was all pitch in and help—and get the carpentry over with as soon as possible. We did. Finished the porch next evening—and Jeb gratefully treated us to ice cold beer and cider.

From where I sit, that's what **being a good neighbor means. Instead of complaining about the other fellow's *habits*,** try to understand and share his *interests*.

So if my practising on the flute annoys you, come on over, neighbor, with your fiddle or guitar and join me! Maybe it will end up in our knowing and appreciating one another better . . . in an evening of good fellowship. And I'll promise to provide the beer that *goes* with evenings of good fellowship!

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Farm Topics

Proper Treatment Will Halt Termites

Tests Show Need for Protecting All Lumber

A visit to tropical Barro Colorado island in the Panama canal zone 21 years after a termite test building was erected to test effectiveness of coal-tar creosote and zinc chloride in protection of wood against ter-

Panama test house. This photo shows that treated wood had not been attacked by termites.

mites has shown that despite this "termite heaven," inhabited by some 45 different kinds, termites can be defeated by proper wood treatment.

This will be good news to farmers and home owners who gee their wood foundations, walls and floors fall away before the onslaughts of the wood destroying "disease."

After 21 years the impregnated wood was sound, but a cot of untreated wood left in the house was riddled by termites.

This would seem to indicate that in building a house or farm building, all lumber, including the shingles, should be treated as well as the fence posts. It was found that when the termites found no edible wood, that is untreated wood, that they soon moved to new territory.

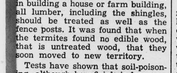
Tests have shown that soil-poisoning, although beneficial, is less permanent and should be resorted to only where structural control methods are impractical, or in addition to them.

Another aid is to discourage termite activity by adequate drainage, good ventilation and removal of wood debris.

Bunching Vegetables

Bunching vegetables for retail sales takes a lot of work when the produce must be taken to a packing shed. The tying wheel designed by Alfred F. Foote can be taken into the field and moved from place to place. The notched rim of the wooden top holds a standard bunch of broccoli while it is being tied. The pipe frame is welded to the wheel spindles, and the whole machine can be handled like a wheelbarrow.

Light Bulb Brooder



It is possible to construct a electric brooder for baby chicks a little cost. Box lumber, wall-board or similar material may be used. The globe is protected by a tin can. For use curtains, burlap may be used. The burlap or cloth should be cut three or four inches high about every two inches.

Flies Resistant to DDT Developed by Scientists

A strain of DDT-resistant houseflies, reproducing nearly twice as much of the chemical to kill them as ordinary flies, has been developed by the USDA. The possible future development of DDT-resistant houseflies in nature is of considerable importance to public health. The problem depends somewhat on how long it may take for wild flies to develop such resistance. This would complicate control.

The BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

SCRIPTURE: John 6:35-40; 13:3-17; Colossians 1:9-20.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Philippians 2:5-11.

The Nature of Jesus

Lesson for February 8, 1948

ONE of the most discerning comments on the nature of Jesus I have ever heard came from an aged Indian in one of the western states a few years ago when I chanced to be waiting for a friend at the entrance of the reservation. This old gentleman was sitting on a large rock. I tried to speak with him, but he did not seem to understand what I said. Then my friend drove up, and introduced me to the Indian. "This man knows our Jesus," my friend said to the Indian. His face brightened, and he held out his hand to me. "Jesus help Indian love white man," he said. Just so, Jesus helps white man love white man, too.

Dr. Newton

The lesson for Sunday is found in John 6:35-40; 13:3-17; and Colossians 1:9-20, with Philippians 2:5-11 as the devotional reading.

TEACHER AND LORD

TAKE the opening passage, John 13:3-17, where Jesus is pictured as taking a basin of water and towel, kneeling at the disciples' feet, washing their feet, and drying them. Do you not feel the blessed Saviour's very nature flooding the scene?

It requires true love, true humility, to serve in that role. Suppose someone came to render this service to you? And suppose that One was the Son of God?

Why did Jesus wash the disciples' feet? Because he loved them, and he wanted them to love other people enough to do for them anything that would convince them of the love which they had in their hearts for them. Here we see him as the great teacher.

"AS I HAVE LOVED YOU"

BUT Peter draws back. He cannot conceive of Jesus washing his feet. Why? Because Peter did not yet understand the nature of Jesus. The memory verse for Sunday is helpful just here. Jesus said, "Love one another; even as I have loved you," John 13:34.

Peter acted very naturally, even if we may be tempted to say that he acted foolishly. In fact, he acted just about like any of us would have acted under similar circumstances.

But when Jesus explained to Peter what he was about, Peter then asked that Jesus wash not only his feet, but also his hands and head.

THIS IS JESUS

INTERMEDIATES, young people and adults, having carefully read the passage in the 13th chapter of John, where Jesus washes the disciples' feet, will now turn to John 6:35-40, and Colossians 1:9-20, and see the expansion of this great truth over into the expressed will of God for his followers.

A true understanding of this section will lead us to ponder prayerfully the nature of Jesus in the various titles accorded him in the Scriptures — Son of Man, Son of God, Master, Rabbi, Teacher, Physician, Vine, Light, Good Shepherd, Bread of Life, Comforter, Friend and Saviour.

All of these titles he bore, and yet we see him kneeling to wash the feet of everyday people. "Thy gentleness hath made me great." Intermediates and young people will wisely set themselves to the task of identifying the nature of Jesus in the people of their community. Such study will lead you to earnestly seek to walk in his blessed example, loving as he loved.

"WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?"

AND now we are ready for the climax of the lesson, when Peter declares, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God," Matthew 16:16.

We cannot long stand in the presence of the story of this lesson and fail to conclude with Peter that none save the Son of God can do such wondrous things —can love as he loved.

Beginning with the Incarnation, we follow through the sweeping claims of Jesus, and we know of a truth that he was very God. Convinced, then, that we are in the presence of God when we contemplate the nature of Jesus, what are we to say? Does not Isaac Watts suggest the answer?

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down,
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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